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PROVIDE THE LATEST CONSISTENT DEFINITION OF THE
CLUSTER (AVOIDING THE PARTITION-IN-TIME PROBLEM)

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AMENDMENT FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to the Advisory Action mailed on June 30, 2003 and the Final Office Action mailed on February 12, 2003 from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. An extension of time and Notice of Appeal was filed on June 12, 2003 and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 16, 2003. In lieu of a Brief on Appeal, a Request for Continued Examination is being filed concurrently with this Amendment. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are also being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration are respectfully requested.